

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application : R. Edward Winters

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DEVICE FOR FLEXIBLE TUBES

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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the response to the second (Final) Office Action mailed 12 December 2007 regarding the above-identified patent application and for which a 1-month extension of time is requested, please amend the application as follows:

## In the claims

Please amend the claims according to the following pages 2-6.

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